GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

LAW OFFICERS – SUPREME COURT OF INDIA – Engagement and payment of fee of Senior Counsels before the Hon'ble Supreme Court for the State of Andhra Pradesh – In supersession of the orders issued vide G.O.Ms.No.82, Law (N) Department, dated: 14.06.1996 and G.O.Ms.No.200, Law (N) Department, dated:14.10.1996- Revised Orders - Issued.

LAW (G) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 24 **Dated: 03-06-2021**

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.82, Law (N) Department, dated: 14.06.1996
2. G.O.Ms.No.200, Law (N) Department, dated: 14.10.1996
3. From the Resident Commissioner, A.P. Bhavan, New Delhi, Note, dated: 03.05.2021.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st and 2nd read above, orders were issued on engaging the Senior Counsel in Supreme Court and making payment to the Counsel. It is reported that there are abnormal delays in making payment to the Senior Counsels due to various reasons.

2. In the reference 3rd read above, the Resident Commissioner, A.P.Bhavan, New Delhi has proposed that the decision on engagement of Senior Counsels shall be taken by the Advocate-on-Record for the State of Andhra Pradesh, New Delhi in consultation with the Learned Advocate-General for the State of Andhra Pradesh and the Special Officer, A-O-R Office and that the fees of the Senior Advocates shall also be cleared in the same manner in which the fees of the Advocate-on-Record for the State of Andhra Pradesh is currently being cleared i.e by Legal Cell, A.P.Bhavan under the Major Head of Account 2052-Secretariat General Services, Sub-Head 280- Professional Services and 287- Payment to Direct Individual Professionals to avoid delays in payment of fees.

3. Government after careful examination of the matter and in supersession of orders issued in G.Os.1st and 2nd read above, hereby issue the following orders for strict compliance:

(i) The administrative department concerned in Government in consultation with Advocate-on-Record and Advocate General shall take a decision on engagement of Senior Counsels on important cases whenever necessary to defend the interest of the State in the Supreme Court.

(ii) If the State Government engages a Senior Counsel before the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the fee can be paid as agreed to between the administrative department concerned in Government and such Senior Counsel. The administrative department while engaging the services of Senior Counsel, shall take the approval of the competent authority as per Business Rules and issue orders with regard to payment within one month.

(iii) In pursuance of orders of the Government, the fees of the Senior Advocates so engaged shall be cleared by the Legal Cell of Resident Commissioner, A.P.Bhavan, New Delhi under the Major Head of Account 2052-Secretariat General Services, Sub-Head 280-Professional Services and 287 - Payments to Direct Individual Professionals.

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(iv) The Finance Department shall provide required budget to Resident Commissioner, A.P. Bhavan, New Delhi to the relevant Head of Account.

4. This orders issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide their U.O.No.FMU0PC/42/2021-FMU-GAD.I, Computer No.1414653 Dated: 27.05.2021.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

V. SUNITHA
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)
LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS & JUSTICE

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The Resident Commissioner, A.P.Bhavan,No.1 Ashoka Road, New Delhi.
The Advocate-on-Record for the State of Andhra Pradesh, A.P.Bhavan, New Delhi.
The Advocate General for the State of Andhra Pradesh, High Court Buildings, Nelapadu, Amaravati.
All Departments of Secretariat (With a request to disseminate to All HoDs Under their control)
The Pay and Accounts Office, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada.
The Pay and Accounts Officer, A.P.Bhavan, New Delhi.
Copy to: The P.S to Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister
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SECTION OFFICER